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BUJUMBURA FOR CHARGE

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TAGS: AMGT RW BY

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. PROVIDED BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE RWANDA/BURUNDI  
SITREP CIRCULATED IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR JUNE 28. THE  
SITREP IS CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF SITREP:

RWANDA/BURUNDI SITREP FOR JUNE 28

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SITUATION ON THE GROUND

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RWANDA

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UNAMIR COMMANDER GENERAL DALLAIRE FLEW TO GOMA TODAY TO  
MEET WITH FRENCH EXPEDITION COMMANDER LAFOURCADE TO  
COORDINATE STRATEGY. DALLAIRE TOLD A REPORTER IN KIGALI  
THAT THE FRENCH INTERVENTION HAS COMPLICATED OPERATIONS  
FOR UNAMIR, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE RPF'S

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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SUBSEQUENT REFUSAL TO GUARANTEE THE SAFETY OF ANKIR  
SOLDIERS FROM COUNTRIES OPENLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE  
INTERVENTION AND ITS REFUSAL TO GUARANTEE KIGALI AIRPORT  
WOULD NOT COME UNDER FIRE. (REUTER)

(C) ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH JOINT STAFF, THE RPF HAS  
COMMITTED 12 BATTALIONS TO THE BATTLE FOR KIGALI AND IS  
EXPENDING OVER 200 MORTAR ROUNDS PER DAY. THE REBELS  
HAVE ATTACKED VILLAGES 8 KM WEST AND 25 KM SOUTHWEST OF  
GITARAMA, BUT HAVE MADE NO PROGRESS IN THE DIRECTION OF  
BUTARE. THE FRENCH BELIEVE THE RPF WILL TURN ITS  
ATTENTION TO KIBUYE IF KIGALI FALLS, IN HOPES OF SEVERING  
GOVERNMENT FORCES IN THE SOUTHWEST AND NORTHWEST.

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FRENCH SPECIAL FORCES RESCUED EIGHT NUNS AND A LARGE  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN FROM KIBUYE. THE CONTINGENT INCLUDED  
ONE AMCIT. ANOTHER AMCIT NUN REMAINS WITH HER COMMUNITY  
IN KIRUHURA. (TELCON WITH SISTERS OF ST. MARY NEW YORK  
OFFICE).

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BURUNDI

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(C) UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ABDULLAH SAID FRODEBU  
SPENT ALL OF LAST WEEK PAINSTAKINGLY DRAFTING AN  
ASSESSMENT OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KIGOBWE/KAJAGA  
CONSENSUS, FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE OPPOSITION PARTIES.  
ABDULLAH FEARS THE TOUGHENED STANCE OF UPRONA, THE  
TUTSI-DOMINATED OPPOSITION PARTY, COULD PORTEND A  
REJECTION OF THE INITIATIVE, SNUFFING OUT THE BEST HOPE  
FOR REJUVENATING THE POLITICAL PROCESS.  
(BUJUMBURA 002227)

EXTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS

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(C) AN OPPOSITION PARTY PRESS RELEASE IN SEYCHELLES  
ALLEGES THAT THE GOS CONDONED ARMS PURCHASES BY VISITING  
RWANDAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND A ZAIRIAN. THE  
OPPOSITION, WHICH EMBASSY VICTORIA CHARACTERIZES AS  
HIGHLY RELIABLE IN ITS COVERAGE OF GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY,  
SAYS OFFICIALS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AND THE  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND TRANSPORT WERE IN CONTACT WITH

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THE VISITORS, WHO MADE AT LEAST TWO TRIPS TO SIEGHELLES,  
RETURNING TO GOMA, ZAIRE EACH TIME WITH ARMS  
CONSIGNMENTS. (VICTORIA 000689)

A FRENCH SOLDIER OF FORTUNE AND FORMER MILITARY ADVISOR  
TO THE GOR, CAPTAIN PAUL BARIL, CLAIMS HE HAS THE BLACK  
BOX FROM THE ILL-FATED AIRCRAFT THAT CARRIED JUVENAL  
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HABYARIMANA TO HIS DEATH. BARIL SAYS THE RECORDINGS  
OFFER CONCLUSIVE PROOF THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN BY  
RPF REBELS, WHOM HE DESCRIBES AS A "TERRORIST GROUP  
BACKED BY A PSEUDO-TERRORIST STATE WHICH IS ALSO  
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GENOCIDE OF 500,000 RWANDAN WHO HAVE  
DIED IN RECENT TIMES." THE MANUFACTURER OF THE AIRCRAFT,  
HOWEVER, SAYS IT DID NOT COME EQUIPPED WITH A BLACK BOX.  
(FRANCE INTER-RADIO NETWORK)

DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES  
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(C) DATT/LILONGWE, DETAILED TO US EMBASSY KAMPALA, WARNS  
THAT UNAMIR'S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN US-SUPPLIED APCS IS  
VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT AND THAT, WITHOUT MAINTENANCE  
SUPPORT, SCORES OF BROKEN DOWN APCS COULD END UP SERVING  
AS "NON-STRATEGICALLY LOCATED, UN PILL BOXES." JUST 3 OF  
THE 13 APCS NOW IN UNAMIR'S INVENTORY ARE OPERATIONAL AND  
THOSE BECAUSE THEY ARE ONLY RECENTLY ARRIVED. (THE UN IS  
CONSIDERING CONTRACTING FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES WITH  
BROWN AND ROOT) (KAMPALA 005107)

(C) EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MOUSSA CONFIRMED TO  
EMBASSY CAIRO THAT THE GOE WOULD CONTRIBUTE AN YET  
UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF OBERVERS TO THE FRENCH MISSION.  
(CAIRO 010206)

HUMANITARIAN DEVELOPMENTS  
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ICRC HAS APPROACHED USUN/GENEVA WITH A REQUEST FOR  
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AIRLIFT OF RELIEF DISTRIBUTION VEHICLES TO ASSISTED OR  
POINTS CLOSER TO RELIEF OPERATIONS. IT REPORTS THAT  
RELIEF OPERATIONS ARE HAMPERED BY LACK OF TRUCKS,  
LANDCRUISERS, AND TRAILERS, AND THAT SHIPMENT OF  
ADDITIONAL VEHICLES BY USUAL MARITIME MEANS WOULD TAKE  
FOUR TO FIVE WEEKS. (GENEVA 005727)

CLEANUP OF RWANDAN CORPSES FROM LAKE VICTORIA IS DRAWING  
TO A CLOSE WITH TRAFFIC ON THE KAGERA TRIBUTARY DWINDLING  
TO 1-2 BODIES A DAY. DESPITE A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH FOR  
THE LAKE FROM THE WHO ON JUNE 17 AND THE RESUMPTION  
FISHING AND EXPORT PURCHASES, FISH PRICES HAVE FALLEN BY  
40-60 PERCENT AND LOCAL CONSUMPTION IS WAY OFF.  
(KAMPALA 005109)

UNHCR SENIOR COORDINATOR FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, KAZUO  
WATANABE, FEARS THE REFUGEE POPULATION IN TANZANIA COULD  
JUMP TO ONE MILLION IF INTER-ETHNIC VIOLENCE ERUPTS AGAIN  
IN BURUNDI. WATANABE IS CONCERNED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
DEGRADATION OF THE BENACO CAMP REGION; HE LIKENED THE  
CAMP TO A DRY DUSTBOWL WITH A 5 KM RADIUS. (STATE  
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